

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES IN ARIZONA

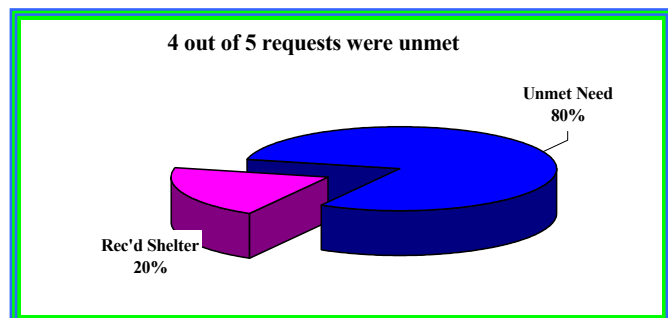
MARICOPA COUNTY SUMMARY

July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

As reported by the 9 residential shelters accounting for 325 beds.

Requests for Shelter

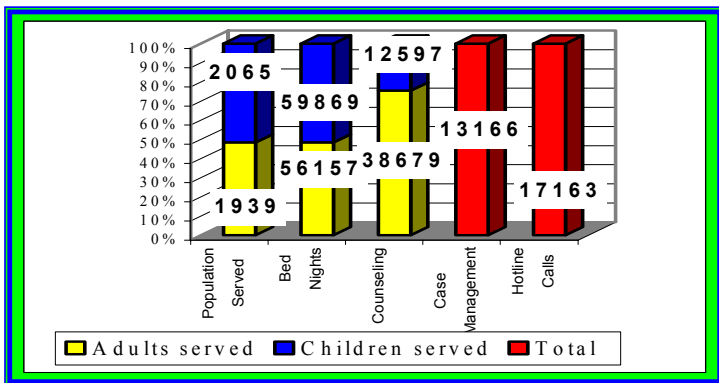
During the year 19,642 women and children requested shelter, of those 4,004 received shelter. Shelter was unavailable to 15,638 women and children at the time of request.



Shelter Services

Emergency shelter is provided through permanent shelters, safe home networks and motels.

Staff and volunteers responded to 17,163 calls for emergency shelter and information and referral. In addition, CONTACTS, a centralized hotline in Maricopa County received 6,799 calls.



Emergency shelter and supportive services were provided to 4,004 women and children who received – 116,026 nights of safety in emergency shelter, 51,276 hours of individual and group advocacy and education and 13,166 hours of case management.

Unmet Need for Service

Shelters reported that the two top unmet needs for the victims were affordable housing and transportation. Financial assistance and legal services, also represented a high proportion of need.

System Intervention

Shelters reported that: 2,156 victims indicated that a report had been made to law enforcement during one of the domestic violence incidents.

- 41 victims and 1,017 perpetrators had been arrested during an incident.
- 807 of the victims had obtained an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment.
- 1,219 of the victims reported that at some point they had sought emergency medical intervention as a result of the violence or discussed domestic violence with a medical professional.

Demographics

Age of Primary Client and Children

0-2	3-5	6-12	13-17	18-29	30-44	45-59	60+
12.1%	11.3%	16.5%	3.7%	20.9%	27.5%	7.4%	0.6%

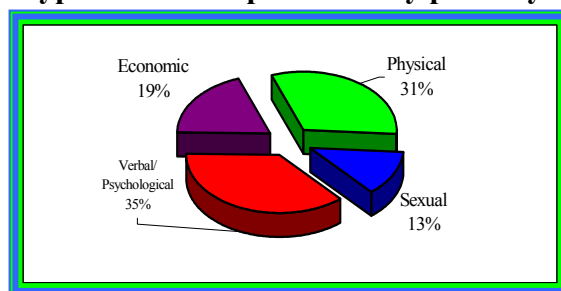
Income Status

71% reported an average annual income of \$6,000 or below. 87% reported \$14,000 or below.

Ethnicity

White	37.7%	Hispanic	39.7%
Black	13.8%	Asian	.6%
Native American	3.8%	Mixed	4.4%

Type of abuse experienced by primary client



Outcome Status

Average length of stay in shelter is 18.6 days.

Upon exit from the shelter, 60.4% remained in a safe environment, 38.3% set up their own household or moved in with relatives or friends, 19.5% moved on to other shelter programs, and in 2.6% of the households the batterer moved out. 8% returned to the previous situation. The status was unknown for 31.6%.